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The Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: U.S. Patent Application 10/621,518  
Margaret F. Hudson et al.  
SCRAMBLED EGG SNACK FOOD**

This communication is in response to the Office Action of August 6, 2004 concerning this application.

The Examiner required restriction to one of two inventions for the purpose of Examination. The Examiner identified the inventions as:

- I. Claims 1 to 19 directed to a specific food product, and
- II. Claims 20 to 33 drawn to a process of making a snack food product.

It is noted that both inventions are classified in class 426, Subclass 094 and hence searching of the inventions could be effected simultaneously with no extra burden on the Examiner.

Having regard to the requirement, applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1 to 19. Such election is made without prejudice to the applicant's right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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